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In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references A - E listed below and on the attached Information Disclosure Citation are being brought to the Examiner's attention for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of cited references A - D are not enclosed, as those references were cited by or submitted to the office in connection with the prosecution of application Serial No. 10/053, filed 11/02/2001, now issued as Patent No. 6,929,808, which is relied upon by the present application for priority under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 365. A copy of reference E is attached.

Attached hereto is a check for \$180 to cover the fee for submitting this citation after receipt of the first office action, under 37 CFR 1.97(d). Applicant submits that extra diligence and coordination with the inventors to produce a reasonably comprehensive list of all known closest art required more time than initially anticipated, and then preparation for submission of this citations was further delayed for funding reasons and therefore not completed until after the date of the 02/28/2007 office action.

Applicant submits that the references cited herein taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. The listed references relate to the general

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field of the disclosure and these citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims; they are cited only as constituting the closest art of which the Applicant is aware.

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OTHER REFERENCES

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	E	C. Wirth and H. Wagner, "Pharmacologically active Procyanidines from the bark of <i>Uncaria tomentosa</i> ," <i>Phytomedicine</i> , Vol. 4 (3), pp. 265-266.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached Information Disclosure Citation with initials or other appropriate marks.

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